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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire
Year ending December 31, 2001

GREG SORG

Selectman 1994 - 1999

Planning Board 1993 - 1999

Cemetery Trustee 1993 - 1999

Greg has served our Town well in several important official capacities: Selectman, Planning Board Member and Cemetery Trustee. Several years ago, he very ably and successfully represented the Town in several protracted lawsuits dealing with a violation of the Easton Zoning Ordinance. These lawsuits required many hours of his time, which he provided on a pro bono basis, at no cost whatsoever to the Town.

While serving as Chair of the Planning Board, he spent numerous hours gathering all the Planning Board records, and meticulously organizing and filing them so that they could be researched more easily.

Greg loves walking, and often can be seen strolling along our Town streets on weekends.

We are indebted to Greg for his many past contributions to our Town and his continued willingness to provide well-researched advice to us in matters of land use law, his legal specialty, and are pleased to dedicate this year's Town Report to Greg.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

for the year ending December 31, 2001

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen
Robert Thibault - 2002
Keith Kidder - 2003
Robert Craven - 2004

Town Clerk
Barbara J. Collier

Treasurer
Jeanne Duggan (resigned)
Terri Rainville (appointed)

Auditor
Ralph Brigida

Tax Collector
Barbara J. Collier

Moderator
Jim Collier - 2002

Lafayette School Board
Stephen North - 2002

Cemetery Trustees
Robert Every - 2001(Resigned)
Terri Rainville - 2002
Joseph Duggan - 2003 (Resigned)
Pia Carmosino - 2004 (Appointed)
Richard Larcom 2004 - (Appointed)

Trustee of the Trust Funds
Angela Brigida - 2004

Supervisors of Checklist
Patricia Every - 2002
M. Joan Laboe - 2004
Patricia O'Brien - 2006

Planning Board
Jim Collier - 2002
Jeff Morgan - 2002 (Resigned)
Kevin O'Brien - 2002 (Appointed)
Andrew Noyes - 2003
Anita Craven - 2004
Susanne Drew-Roussel – (Alternate)
Keith Kidder (Ex Officio)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief
Charles Casey

Chief of Police
Robert Every

Zoning Board
Robert Every - 2004
Dennis Ford - 2002
Joseph Exley - 2004
Karl Hunninghaus - 2003 (Alt)
Kathleen Thibault - 2004
Robert Craven - (Ex-Officio)

Health Officer
Dr. Parker Towle

Conservation Commission
Michael Kenney - 2002
Jim Collier - 2004
Richard Larcom - 2006

Recreation Committee
Laurie Zeiser
Michael Kenney

Road Agent
Robert Peckett

Emergency Manager
Arthur Rainville

Welfare Officer
Keith Kidder

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 12, 2002

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Articles 1 through 3. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: Article 6, FUTURE USES Section 605, B, 1.

Delete the words: "on the U.S. Geological Survey, entitled 'Availability of Groundwater in the Middle Connecticut River Basin, North-Central,' by John E. Cotton, 1977."

and in their place write: "Stratified-Drift Aquifers in the Middle Connecticut River Basin, West central New Hampshire, Plate 7, of the U.S.G.S. Water Investigations Report 94-4181."

This amendment simply updates the ordinance. The 1977 maps have been replaced by those completed in 1994. The aquifer boundaries are unchanged. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Subdivision Regulations proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Section 6, B. Compliance with Regulations
Designate the first paragraph "Penalties as "1" and add a new "2" to read:
"2. Disclosure. When lots in a subdivision are subject to conditions affecting the town, for example road maintenance agreements, the terms of the conditions or agreement shall be written into the deed for each lot."

This provision makes certain that lot owners are aware of conditions imposed on the developer by the town as a condition of subdivision approval. It protects both the lot owners and the town. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $117,989.00 . general Town operations as follows:

4130 - Executive	$ 10,075.00
4140 - Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	3,400.00
4150 - Financial Administration	2,100.00

4152 - Revaluation of Property	700.00
4153 - Legal Expense	5,000.00
4155 - Personnel Administration	500.00
4191 - Planning & Zoning	800.00
4194 - General Government Buildings	5,300.00
4195 - Cemeteries	1,500.00
4196 - Insurance	3,200.00
4197 - Advertising & Reg. Associations	1,251.00
4199 - Contingency Fund	5,000.00
4210 - Police Department	4,200.00
4215 - Ambulances	1,500.00
4220 - Fire Department	12,100.00
4290 - Forest Fire Fighting & Training	500.00
4299 - Communications	1,800.00
4312 - Highways	24,000.00
4323 - Hazardous Waste Collection	0.00
4324 - Solid Waste Collection	13,038.00
4414 - Animal Control	120.00
4415 - Health Agencies	1,316.00
4419 - Hospice	210.00
4442 - Welfare – General Assistance	1,500.00
4449 - Tri-County Community Action	500.00
4520 - Recreation Programs	6,300.00
4612 - Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 - Principal Payment on $120,000 Bond	6,000.00
4721 - Interest on $120,000 Bond	5,629.00
4723 - Interest on TAN Note	250.00
	$117,989.00

ARTICLE 5. Fire Department Call Pay
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,800.00 to pay non-salaried members of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department for time spent fighting fires. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 6. Capital Reserve Fund for Town Revaluation
To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA Chapter 35 for the constitutionally mandated Town property revaluation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 towards this purpose, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 7. To Continue Town Membership in the Coalition Communities
To see if the Town will vote to continue its membership in The Coalition Communities, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 as its contribution toward the legal expenses of said Coalition.

ARTICLE 8. Easton Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for equipment acquisition and replacement for the Easton Fire Department. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 9. Conversion of Town Tax Maps to Digital Format and GIS Database
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to convert the Town tax maps to digital format and Global Information System (GIS), and to acquire the appropriate database use software. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 10. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 to continue the program of resurfacing and repairing Town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 11. Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District
To see if the Town will vote to join the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, and to authorize the Town of Franconia to appoint the Tri-Town (Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill) Member to said District Board. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 12. Land Use Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a to account for revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax in a Land Use Reserve Fund separate from the General Fund. Any surplus remaining in said Fund shall not be part of the General Fund until such time as the Town votes at an Annual Meeting to appropriate a specific amount from it for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the Constitution of this State. After an Annual Meeting, any unappropriated balance of the Land Use Change Tax Revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as General Fund Revenue for the current fiscal year. (The Planning Board and the Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 13. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectmen of Easton
Robert B. Craven, Chair
Robert W. Thibault
Keith Kidder

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Our Board is involved with the routine business of the town, which includes: filling vacancies on the various town boards, enforcing our Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, issuing building permits and logging permits. We work to resolve various infractions of our town regulations in an equitable manner, and in every case that has arisen this year, without need to seek legal recourse. We attend municipal law lectures, and try to keep abreast of changes in the state laws that could impact our town, and work to communicate this information to our various town boards, and to make sure that these boards also have the important handbooks that they need in order to do their work properly.

Town Hall Addition for Administrative Offices:

Presently, our town offices are located within the homes of our town officials. This makes for inefficient town government, since some town records are stored at our Town Hall, while others are stored within the homes of these officials. Last year, we proposed an addition to our Town Hall for administrative offices so that all town offices and records could be centralized at the Town Hall, in order to improve the efficiency of our town government. Also, we felt that it would be easier to find replacements for retiring town officials, if our town offices don't have to be located within private homes.

At last year's Town Meeting, the Town voted to fund the planned Town Hall addition. We were successful in obtaining very favorable financing for it by means of a 20-year 4.75% annual interest rate, $120,000 construction bond obtained through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency. The construction contract was signed in mid-November, and groundbreaking followed immediately thereafter. The unseasonably late autumn and early winter warm weather allowed the construction to proceed uninterrupted, and the addition was fully enclosed before the winter snows. Construction of the addition is proceeding rapidly and well, and we expect that it will be completed during the spring, and that we will be able to consolidate our town records and offices within it immediately thereafter.

Town Welfare Officer:

In recognition of our legal obligation to provide welfare assistance when needed, we have appointed a Welfare Officer. He has undertaken a study of the state welfare laws and has established a Town Welfare Guidelines, which sets forth the requirements and application procedures, in order to obtain town welfare benefits.

Firefighter Call Pay:

The Easton Volunteer Fire Department has only 15 members, and of these members, only 5 reside within our Town. These firefighters incur out-of-pocket expenses, and in some cases, loss of wages, during the time that they are fighting fires, and it seems only fair to at least partially compensate them for this loss. We, therefore, support the payment of non-salaried members of this department for the time that they spend while fighting fires.

Respectfully submitted,
Selectmen of Easton
Robert B. Craven, Chair
Robert W. Thibault
Keith Kidder

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2001	Actual 2001	Estimated 2002
Taxes:			
3185 Timber Taxes	$ 1,874.00	$ 7,137.00	$ 2,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,367.00	14,842.00	10,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3,356.00	4,731.00	4,000.00
3188 Excavation Activity Tax	0.00	686.00	550.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	35,000.00	43,062.00	38,000.00
3230 Building Permits	275.00	305.00	.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits, & Fees	0.00	1,330.00	0.00
From State:			
3351 Shared Revenues	846.00	1,315.00	1,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	6,679.00	6,679.00	5,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	6,671.00	6,671.00	6,878.00
3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)	0.00	2,127.00	.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	0.00	1,948.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
3502 Interest on Investments	0.00	868.00	0.00
3503-3509 Other	0.00	2,791.00	0.00
Other Operating Transfers In:			
3916 From Trust & Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	800.00
Other Financing Sources:			
3934 Proceeds Long Term Bonds & Notes	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	20,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	$205,068.00	$234,492.00	$128,228.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Subtotal 1	Appropriations Recommended	$117,989.00
Subtotal 2	Special Warrant Articles Recommended	11,000.00
Subtotal 3	"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	12,100.00
Total Appropriations Recommended		$141,089.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		128,228.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		$ 12,861.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2001	Actual 2001	Budgeted 2002
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	$ 11,345.00	$10,322.00	$ 10,075.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	2,800.00	3,364.00	3,400.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	2,950.00	2,048.00	2,100.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	650.00	575.00	700.00
4153 Legal Expense	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	375.00	306.00	500.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	400.00	946.00	800.00
4194 Government Buildings	6,100.00	4,271.00	5,300.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,500.00	981.00	1,500.00
4196 Insurance	2,984.00	3,197.00	3,200.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations	1,285.00	1,242.00	1,251.00
4199 Other General Government	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	4,300.00	3,998.00	4,200.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4220-4229 Fire Department	10,826.00	11,944.00	12,100.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	200.00	366.00	500.00
4299 Other Public Safety Including Communications	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,800.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	30,000.00	24,239.00	24,000.00
Sanitation:			
4323 Solid Waste Collection	0.00	226.00	0.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	12,538.00	12,038.00	13,038.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	100.00	120.00	120.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies	1,327.00	1,326.00	1,526.00
Welfare:			
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assist.	500.00	1,022.00	1,500.00
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	400.00	400.00	500.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	6,416.00	5,657.00	6,300.00
Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	200.00	200.00	200.00

Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,150.00	0.00	5,629.00
4723 Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	250.00	0.00	250.00
Capital Outlay:			
4903 Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations	$117,121.00	$92,013.00	$117,989.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2001

Total Town Appropriations Budgeted	$238,121.00
Less: Town Revenues Budgeted	(205,068.00)
Less: Shared Revenue To Town	(313.00)
Add: Overlay	1,900.00
Add: War Service Credits	900.00
Net Town Appropriations	35,540.00
- School Portion -	
Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	409,197.00
Less: Adequate Education Grant	.00
State Education Taxes	(172,373.00)
Approved School (s) Tax Effort	236,824.00
State Education Taxes	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x $6.60	
26,555,479.00	175,266.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation	
(no utilities) 25,938,774.00	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	2,893.00
Total County Appropriation	46,718.00
Less: Shared Revenue	(156.00)
Net County Appropriation	46,562.00
Total Property Tax Assessed	494,192.00
Less: War Service Credits	(900.00)
Total Property Tax Commitment	$493,292.00

2001 Tax Rate		2000 Tax Rate	
Town	$ 1.34	Town	$ 1.77
County	1.75	County	1.62
School	8.92	School	10.65
State	6.76	State	6.92
	$18.77/1000		$20.96/1000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	$11,644,751.00
Buildings	14,314,425.00
Less Elderly Exemption	(20,000.00)
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	$25,939,176.00
Electric Utilities	609,561.00
Total Valuation	$26,548,737.00
Increase In Net Valuation Over 2000	$ 241,066.00

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2001
Accrual Basis

ASSETS

Cash In Banks	$220,079.81
Property Taxes Receivable – Current Year	33,238.41
Excavation Taxes Receivable	686.00
Tax Liens Receivable	7,033.67
Reserve For Uncollectibles	(1,900.00)
Accrued Interest Receivable	880.00
Due From Capital Reserve Funds	658.62
Tax Deeded Property	1,442.97
Total Assets	$262,119.48

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Due To School Districts		$150,392.00
Due To State of NH – "Donor Town"		2,893.00
Accounts Payable		5,017.01
Property Tax Overpays To Be Applied		1,130.00
Total Liabilities		$159,432.01
Reserve For Conservation Fund	$ 2,275.21	
Reserve For Tax Deeded Property	1,442.97	
Total Restricted Fund Balance	$ 3,718.18	
Fund Surplus-Unrestricted	$98,969.29	
Total Fund Equity		102,687.47
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		$262,119.48

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
As of December 31, 2001

Name	A/C#	Amount
Property Tax Overpay Refunded	2022.2	$ 42.66
MVP Fees Refunded	3220	205.00
Executive	4130	415.00
Town Clerk	4140	137.00
Planning & Zoning	4191	222.34
Town Building	4194	128.51
Fire Department	4220	140.50
Highways	4312	3,726.00
Total Accounts Payable		$5,017.01

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall		$ 6,660.00
Furniture and Equipment		
Land	$ 29,450.00	
Building	118,550.00	148,000.00
Other Land		22,400.00
Fire Department		63,261.00
Building, at cost		
Equipment	26,000.00	
Trucks	17,500.00	43,500.00
Library – Furniture, Books, and Equipment		2,200.00
Police Department – Equipment		1,200.00
Total Town Property		$287,221.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the reports and accounts of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2001. My examination was made in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis with that of the prior year.

In my opinion, these reports and accounts present fairly the financial position and operating revenues and expenditures of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
January 28, 2002

TREASURER'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Bank Balance – January 1, 2001		$192,969.36
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	$517,615.87	
Town Clerk – MVP Fees	43,267.00	
From Federal Government	14,842.00	
From State of New Hampshire	14,664.27	
Bank Interest	830.67	
Other Sources	9,860.68	
Bond	22,500.00	
Total Receipts		$623,580.49
Disbursements:		
Grafton County	$ 46,718.00	
School Districts	428,454.00	
Selectmen's Ordered Paid	123,573.25	
Total Disbursements		$598,745.25
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2001		$217,804.60

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS
As of December 31, 2001

	Town Building		
	Principal	Interest	Total
Beginning Balance 1/01/01	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ -0-
Additions 2001 *	120,000.00	58,425.00	178,425.00
Payments 2001	-0-	-0-	-0-
Ending Balance 12/31/01	$120,000.00	$58,425.00	$178,425.00

* Principal and interest payments are due in May and November through the year 2021. Interest is at the rate of 4.75% and principal payments are fixed at $6,000.00 per year.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS – 2001

1080-000	Tax Collector	$517,615.87
3186-000	Federal Government-Payment in Lieu of Taxes	14,842.00
3220-000	Town Clerk – MVP Fees	43,267.00
3230-000	Building Permits	305.00
3290-000	Permits, Fees	1,329.50
3351-000	New Hampshire Revenue Sharing	1,315.00
3352-000	New Hampshire Rooms and Meals Tax	6,678.72
3353-000	New Hampshire Highway Block Grant	6,670.55
3401-000	Income from Departments	1,747.85
3502-000	Connecticut River Bank Interest	830.67
3504-000	Fines	2,700.00
3509-000	Miscellaneous Income	2,318.33
3915-000	Capital Reserve	1,460.00
3934-000	Bonds	22,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$623,580.49

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS - 2001

TAXES-BUYING LIENS	1110-100		$ 9,063.46
TAXES-OVERPAY	2022-200		135.00
TAXES ABATEMENTS	3110-100		800.00
EXECUTIVE – 4130-000			
4130-100	Salaries	$ 1,600.00	
4130-200	Fees	140.00	
4130-300	Outside Services	775.00	
4130-600	Office Expenses	7,392.29	9,907.29
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITAL STATISTICS – 4140-000			
4140-100	Salaries	500.00	
4140-200	Fees	1,522.00	
4140-500	Elections/Voters	173.60	
4140-600	Office Expenses	1,031.54	3,227.14
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION – 4150-000			
4150-100	Salaries	1,400.00	
4150-600	Office Expenses	647.98	2,047.98
ASSESSING – 4152-000			575.00
PAYROLL TAXES – 4155-000			306.01
PLANNING AND ZONING – 4191-000			753.77
TOWN BUILDINGS – 4194-000			
4194-400	Utilities	2,762.84	
4194-600	Office Expenses	30.63	

4194-800	Maintenance	438.00	
4194-900	Grounds Keeping	989.34	4,220.81
CEMETERY – 4195-000			
4195-600	Office Expenses	68.84	
4195-800	Maintenance	142.50	
4195-900	Mowing	770.00	981.34
INSURANCE – 4196-000			3,197.11
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS – 4197-000			741.73
POLICE – 4210-000			
4210-200	Labor	1,978.37	
4210-600	Office Expenses	2,019.94	3,998.31
AMBULANCE – 4215-000			1,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT – 4220-000			
4220-100	Salaries	500.00	
4220-300	Truck Fuel	199.68	
4220-400	Utilities	2,566.55	
4220-600	Office Expenses	4,579.68	
4220-800	Maintenance	4,366.70	12,212.61
FOREST FIRES – 4290-000			
4290-100	Salaries	216.32	
4290-600	Office Expenses	150.00	366.32
DISPATCH SERVICE – 4299-000			1,293.75
HIGHWAYS – 4132-000			21,637.67
HAZARDOUS WASTE – 4323-000			226.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL – 4224-000			12,038.00
ANIMAL CONTROL – 4414-000			120.00
HEALTH AGENCIES – 4415-000			1,116.40
HOSPICE – 4419-000			210.00
WELFARE – 4442-000			1,021.93
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION – 4449-000			400.00
RECREATION – 4520-000			5,657.00
CONSERVATION – 4612-000			200.00
BUILDINGS – 4903-000			24,618.62
CAPITAL RESERVE-FIRE DEPARTMENT – 4915-000			1,000.00
COUNTY TAXES – 4931-000			46,718.00
SCHOOLS – 4933-000			428,454.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$598,745.25

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2001 and Prior

DEBITS

		Levies of: 2001	2000 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes		0.00	$37,862.69
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110	$485,978.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	1,873.81	0.00
Excav. Activity Tax	#3188	686.00	0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	6,881.56	0.00
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	#3110	1,179.06	0.00
Costs		0.00	421.50
Interest – Late Tax	#3190	737.31	2,107.54
Total Debits		$497,335.74	$40,391.73

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$453,918.65	$37,862.69
Yield Taxes	1,873.81	0.00
Interest	737.31	2,107.54
Utility Charges	6,881.56	0.00
Costs	0.00	421.50
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080		
Property Taxes	33,238.41	0.00
Excavation & Excavation Activity Tax	686.00	0.00
Total Credits	$497,335.74	$40,391.73

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

Tax Liens Executed to Town	2000	1999	1998
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	$ 0.00	$7,381.94	$2,421.10
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	9,063.46	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	83.83	1,124.79	771.36
Total Debits	$9,147.29	$8,506.73	$3,192.46

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$2,029.79	$7,381.94	$2,421.10
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	83.83	1,124.79	771.36
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	7,033.67	0.00	0.00
Total Credits	$9,147.29	$8,506.73	$3,192.46

2001 TAXES DUE
As of December 31, 2001

Remaining Taxes To Be Paid	$33,238.41

2000 TAX LIEN DUE
As of December 31, 2001

Buczala,Linwood	$3,472.41
Casey, Charles	189.82
Chartier, Nella	173.29
Dempsey, William	299.75
Kelleher/Farrell	935.41
Peckett, Grayden	807.76
Peckett, Grayden	644.48
Taxes Paid after Due Date	510.75
	$7,033.67

2001 EXCAVATION TAX DUE
As of December 31, 2001

Peckett,Grayden	$686.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2001
(Cash Basis)

Motor Vehicle Registrations	$43,133.00	
Titles	134.00	
Dogs	410.00	
Penalties	25.00	
Municipal Agent	814.50	
Certified Copies	20.00	
Miscellaneous	60.50	
Marriages	38.00	
Marriage Fees	7.00	
Looking Back at Easton	40.00	
Total Transferred to Town		$44,682.00
Less Statutory Fees Paid to Clerk		
Motor Vehicles	(616.50)	
Titles	(134.00)	
Dogs	(67.00)	
Municipal Agent	(814.50)	
Marriage Fees	(7.00)	(1,639.00)
Net Income for Town		$43,043.00
Town Clerk's Pay	$ 500.00	
Town Clerk's Fees, as above	1,639.00	
	2,139.00	
Expense for Clerk's Office		
Utilities	(414.72)	
Total Pay	$1,724.28	

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Collier
Town Clerk

Office Hours

Monday Morning	Thursday Afternoon
10 AM – 12 Noon	4 PM – 6 PM

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
April 03, 2001 Littleton, NH	Gabriella Rose Buczala	Paul Buczala Carrie Buczala

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
June 10, 2001 Easton, NH	John A. W. Miller, II Holly Jackson	Easton, NH Easton, NH
August 4, 2001 Franconia, NH	Chad M. Morris Kristie A. Dubuque	Easton, NH Easton, NH
December 30, 2001 Lincoln, NH	Vincent H. Bell Nicole B. Dubois	Easton, NH Easton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
October 28, 2001 Easton, NH	Virginia D. Leighton

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2001

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the county of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs:
You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Articles 1 through 5. The Town's annual business meting will follow at 7:00 PM.
To act up the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).
All candidates were unopposed.

SELECTMAN	Robert Craven	46
TOWN CLERK	Barbara Collier	48
TREASURER	Jeanne Duggan	47
TAX COLLECTOR	Barbara Collier	48
PLANNING BOARD	Anita Craven	44
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	Robert Every	48
AUDITOR	Ralph Brigida	46
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	Angela Brigida	45

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:
Article 6, FUTURE USES Section 601A, 4.
Delete the words: "No construction shall be undertaken until a plan is submitted to the Board of Selectmen and a building permit issued. Construction of an accessory use structure".....
And in their place write "Accessory use structures".....

The reason for the change is that the sentence "No construction shall be undertaken"....is already in the introduction, so it is redundant here. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of the article.)

Yes – 46 No – 2

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: Inset a new Section 603 as follows: Article 6, New 603 Residential/Agricultural District
The purpose of this provision is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by controlling and guiding the use of land in the area generally suitable for residential and agricultural use.

1. **This District shall include all of the land shown on Maps One (1) through Seven (7) of the Easton Property Maps dated 1980, revised April 1, 2001.**
2. **All of the provisions of Sections 601 and 602 of this Article shall apply.**
3. **Where the Residential/Agricultural District is overlaid by another zoning district, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.**

And renumber the Sections that follow, and their corresponding sub-sections:
Change 603 to 604,
Change 604 to 605,
Change 605 to 606.

This amendment is proposed to ensure that the Ordinances reflect the wishes of the residents as stated in Easton's Master Plan. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

Yes – 46 No – 2

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:
Article 8, General Regulations
Section 807. Removal.
Add the italicized words so that the Section reads:
"Removal of fill, gravel, stone or loam for commercial purposed shall be permitted *in a non-Residential/Agricultural District*, provided that...."

This amendment is necessary for consistency if the Residential/Agricultural District amendment is adopted. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

Yes – 46 No – 2

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:
Article 8, General Regulations
Section 804, Illuminations
Delete the words:
"Flashing signs are prohibited and no sign or structure shall be illuminated in a manner which causes distraction, confusion or hazard to vehicular traffic"

And in their place write:

1. **Exterior lighting shall be so arranged and shielded as to prevent direct glare from the light source onto any public street or onto other property.**
2. **Flashing signs are prohibited.**

The proposed wording includes all exterior lighting. It is in response to resident concern, and to state and national discussions about ways in which small towns and rural areas are impacted by rapid growth, one of which is the impending loss of our "dark skies." (The Selectmen recommend adoption of the article.)

Yes – 46 No – 2

Article 6. Bond Issue for Town Office Building
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $120,000 for the construction and equipping of a new Town Office building and for the remodeling of the original town hall as necessary in conjunction with the new building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $120,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and furthermore, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to administer and expend this fund. A 2/3-ballot cast vote is required for this article. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

The motion was made by Bob Thibault and seconded by Mark Brooks.
There was much discussion on the pros and cons of the bond and the building. The polls were open for an hour after the ballots were cast. **The vote was 26 for the bond and 7 against the bond.**

A more than 2/3 vote needed was cast.

Article 7. Town Operating Budget
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $111,121.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 – Executive	**$ 11,345.00**
4140 – Election, Registration & Vital Stats	**2,800.00**
4150 – Financial Administration	**2,950.00**
4152 – Revaluation of Property	**650.00**
4153 – Legal Expense	**5,000.00**
4155 – Personnel Administration	**375.00**
4191 – Planning & Zoning	**400.00**
4194 – General Government Buildings	**6,100.00**
4195 – Cemeteries	**1,500.00**
4196 – Insurance	**2,984.00**
4197 – Advertising & Reg. Associations	**1,285.00**
4199 – Contingency Fund	**5,000.00**
4210 – Police Department	**4,300.00**
4215 – Ambulances	**1,800.00**
4220 – Fire Department	**10,826.00**
4290 – Forest Fire Fighting & Training	**200.00**
4299 – Communications	**1,725.00**
4312 – Highways	**24,000.00**
4323 – Hazardous Waste Collection	**0.00**
4324 – Solid Waste Collection	**12,538.00**
4414 – Animal Control	**100.00**
4415 – Health Agencies	**1,117.00**
4419 – Hospice	**210.00**
4442 – Welfare – General Assistance	**500.00**
4449 – Tri-County Community Action	**400.00**
4520 – Recreation Programs	**6,416.00**
4612 – Conservation Commission	**200.00**
4711 – Principal Payment on $120,000 Bond	**3,000.00**
4721 – Interest on $120,000 Bond	**3,150.00**
4723 – Interest on TAN note	**250.00**
	$111,121.00

The motion was made by Bob Thibault and seconded by Trish O'Brien. It was voted to discuss the Article line by line. Discussions took place on the ambulances and the recreation programs. Then the article vote was deferred until the hour was up for voting on Article 6. Mark Brooks made the motion and Angela Brigida seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote. **After the hour was up the article passed on a voice vote.**

Article 8. Easton Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for equipment acquisition and replacement for the Easton Fire Department. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

The motion was made by Bob Craven and seconded by Jon Place. **The article passed**.

Article 9. Capital Reserve Fund for Town Offices.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Offices. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

The motion to pass over this article was made by Keith Kidder and seconded by Bob Thibault. **The motion passed**.

Article 10. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 to continue the program of resurfacing and repairing the town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

A motion was made by Bob Thibault and seconded by Jon Place. There was a discussion on what roads were being repaired and what trees were being timed. **The motion passed on a voice vote**.

Article 11. Town Hall Generator
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for a Town Hall Generator. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

A motion was made by Bob Craven and seconded by Trish O'Brien. After discussion on this article the **vote was unanimously negative defeating the article**.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Cooley Hill Road as a town road, pending approval of the Board of Selectmen. (The Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this article.)

A motion was made by Bob Hackett and seconded by Jon Place. Bob Thibault moved to amend the article to read, "To see if the town will vote to accept Cooley Hill Road as a town road, pending approval of the road by the Board of Selectmen." This amendment was accepted on a voice vote. Bob Hackett gave a presentation why the road should be accepted by the town. After much discussion, Kevin O'Brien moved the question. Angie Brigida seconded this. A voice vote was questionable. **A show of hands showed 26 against accepting the road and 7 accepting the road. The article was defeated**.

Article 13. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Steve North was given a round of applause and he thanked everyone and told the group that the budget for the Lafayette Regional School was down from last year.
Barbara told the group that finally the new printing of "Looking Back at Easton" was on the side table and was now on sale for $8.00.
Jon Place asked for volunteers for the Fire Department. Anyone could help and would not be pushed further than they wanted to go.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Collier, Town Clerk of Easton

EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2001 has been a year with many calls for the Easton Fire Department. Our value has been proven time and time again with our quick response and preparedness to fight fire for both the Town of Easton and any of the surrounding towns where Easton Fire Department provides mutual aid.

We thank all the residents and friends of the Town of Easton for their continued support. Our fundraising money is very wisely spent on some very basic needs that are musts in fighting fire as well as providing essential training to both the firefighters and educational materials for our school children. This year, two Easton firefighters were sent to Fire School to obtain their Level One – Firefighting Certificates.

Easton Fire Department responded to 15 calls in 2001. Five (5) of these calls were within the Town of Easton and are broken down as follows:

Power Lines Down	1	Woodland Fires	1
Alarm Activations	2	Mutual Aid to other Towns	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	Structure Fires	7

Easton firefighters fought structure fires in the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock this year. Easton firefighters were among the first firefighters on the scene of the fires. The Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock commended the Easton Volunteer Fire Department for doing an excellent job fighting fire and supplying water. This arena provided excellent training for all the firefighters present and showed the tremendous dedication that every firefighter from Easton has in doing the most professional job possible. This arena also showed how valuable it is to train with other towns during non-critical times so that operations will run smoothly and efficiently when fighting actual fires.

Fire Prevention Week was executed in the local daycare facilities. A greater understanding of fire and how to prevent fire was bestowed upon the youngsters. Each year, the children enjoy the presentation that the Easton firefighters put on. This is a valuable asset to the community and the safety of our children.

We, the Easton firefighters, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every resident for his or her support this past year and in past years. 2001 was a good year, and we look forward to the year 2002 and stand ready to provide the best possible firefighting service to our community. We will be there when you need us, and we will answer the alarm with great fervor and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Firefighters
Chief Charles Casey

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions, fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website at www.nhdfl.com or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2001 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 26, 2001)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	Numbers	Acres
Belknap	89	18
Carroll	62	12
Cheshire	147	41
Coos	53	16
Grafton	109	99
Hillsborough	198	68
Merrimack	70	20
Rockingham	135	90
Strafford	57	54
Sullivan	22	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Illegal	279
Unknown	201
Smoking	86
Children	69
Campfires	49
Rekindle of Permit	45
Arson	31
Lightning	24
*Miscellaneous	158
	942

(Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

One burial took place in the year 2001. Virginia Leighton, a life long resident was laid to rest in the fall.

In remembrance to our Veterans, Memorial Day Services were held this year. Our appreciation is extended to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Howard Shawney Post, Honor Guard, and the Ladies Auxiliary for their participation in our program. We would also like to thank all those who attended, participated in, and provided refreshments for the services.

Brass row markers were placed, marking every other row, on the left side of the cemetery.

The Cemetery Trustees would like to express their sincere appreciation to Joe Duggan and Bob Every for their many years of service as Cemetery Trustees. They have accomplished many improvements over the years.

Easton Cemetery Trustees,
Terri Rainville
Pia Carmosino
Richard Larcom

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Year Ending December 31, 2001

Balance in Savings Account – January 1, 2001		$2,038.09
RECEIPTS		
Interest from Bank – 01/01/01 – 12/31/01	$37.12	
Deposits	200.00	237.12
Balance in Savings Account – December 31, 2001		$2,275.21

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
	Balance 01/01/01	**Added Funds or Reinvested**	**Expended Funds**	**Balance 12/31/01**	**Balance 01/01/01**	**Income**	**Expended**	**Balance 12/31/01**	**Principal & Interest End of Year**
Trust Funds									
Cemetery:									
CT River Bank	$8,060.25	$200.00	$ 0.00	$8,260.25	$1,698.26	$496.62	$0.00	$2,194.88	$10,455.13
Library Memorial Fund									
CT River Bank	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	303.73	42.12	0.00	345.85	895.85
Total Trust Funds	$8,610.25	$200.00	$0.00	$8,810.25	$2,001.99	$538.74	$0.00	$2,540.73	$11,350.98
Capital Reserve Funds									
Fire Dept. Equipment									
Woodsville Guaranty	$ 3,000.00	$1,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 4,000.00	$367.08	$190.46	$ 0.00	$557.54	$ 4,557.54
Town Offices									
CT River Bank	10,000.00	0.00	(597.12)	9,402.88	477.40	385.48	(862.88)	0.00	9,402.88
Total Reserve Funds	$13,000.00	$1,000.00	($597.12)	$13,402.88	$844.48	$575.94	($862.88)	$557.54	$13,960.42

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

During the past year there were 26 calls for service, consisting of accidents, locating individuals, checking welfare, answering requests for service from other agencies, stray dogs, and listening to citizen concerns.

There were fewer accidents than most years; several drivers, newly licensed in the last few years, are getting older and seem to have matured in their driving habits. The DOT has purchased traffic accident reporting software for each department that is now in use; it will probably be further upgraded in the future.

In addition, the State has purchased a new mobile digital radio for the department, which significantly upgrades the ability to communicate in the area of town around Route 112. Being able to reach someone from this end of town, if assistance is needed, has always been a department concern and this will help considerably.

Over past years the Easton Police Department has been called for disturbances at several parties including three recent ones. In each of the three instances, there was a full-amplified band playing outside, between 50 and 125 people (including minors, at least two of them), in varying states of intoxication and lucidity. You are alone upon arrival and never know what type of reception you'll get, as there is always a distinct possibility that one or two drunks will try to work the crowd up when you arrive.

In a proactive approach to the problem and to try to prevent a driver from the party from hitting an innocent motorist or pedestrian, the department will, in the future, issue a summons to Court as well as initiate charges for supplying alcohol to minors if they are present. In view of today's Court climate for alcohol related offenses, this can rapidly turn into a serious offense, especially if someone is hurt or killed.

Lastly, thanks for the trust you have placed in me and thanks for helping to keep Easton quiet during the past year; the surrounding towns have not been so fortunate, and your watchfulness does make a difference.

Respectfully,

Robert Every, Chief

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board continued to focus on the Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations to be certain they continue to represent the wishes of the Town. The amendments we proposed on the March 2001 ballot were approved. They designated Maps 1 - 7 as a Residential District, and addressed direct glare from exterior lights.

The Board will offer three more amendment proposals for vote in March 2002. One is a "housekeeping" matter concerning a map reference defining the aquifer protection district, the second enables the town to impose an impact fee on developers if excessive wear on town roads is anticipated as a result of development, and the third requires that when lots in a subdivision are subject to conditions affecting the town, for example road maintenance agreements, the terms of the conditions will be written into the deed for each lot in the subdivision.

In addition, the Board requested a Town Meeting Warrant Article creating a land use reserve fund for revenue received from the use change tax when land is taken out of current use. A number of towns in the state have adopted similar provisions, which enable a town to be pro-active in creative ways to save woodlands, and particularly the agricultural fields that are a signature of Easton. Federal, state and private funds are available to assist communal efforts to maintain the character of our town without creating a financial burden. Obtaining outside money requires evidence, such as a land use reserve fund, to convince the potential grantors that we are serious. The use change tax is a windfall, which the Planning Board believes should appropriately be applied to protecting the land for which the Current Use laws were created, and not just slipped back into general funds.

The Board has taken steps to have a property owner correct a long-standing and recently compounded subdivision violation. Our action represents what we believe, that we best serve the town by seeing that all of its ordinances are respected and followed.

Our meetings, on the first Wednesday of each month, are open to the public. We earnestly seek new members. The best way to learn how to serve is to become an alternate. Alternates attend meetings and serve in full voting capacity whenever a regular member is absent - which happens frequently. As always, we urge anyone to step forward and try it out. There is no mystique to being on the Board, other than the satisfaction of helping to preserve what we love most, the character of our hometown.

Respectfully submitted
for the Board,

Anita Craven, Chair

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

This report of the Franconia Life Squad (FLS) will serve as a year-end report and will also contain some reflections of the 9-11 tragedy and its far-reaching effects.

This has been the busiest year thus far for the all volunteer squad. We have responded to a total of 233 incidents in the three communities we serve as well as mutual aid calls to outlying communities in our mutual aid system.

We have lost some members but have been fortunate to find replacements. Some of our other members have gone on to further their EMS skills and become EMT-I's or into the Paramedic Program. This was a re-certification year for some others at the EMT level. Through gracious donations and some budgeted monies, we were able to fund most of these certifications.

On another note, we in the EMS service ask that people take a few moments to remember those that were lost on 9-11-01. Many do not realize how something so distant from us affects our daily lives. Those very lives which are now forever changed by those terrorist acts of war. We in the FLS were put on a 24-hour call up to assist our fellow EMS & Fire providers either in New York or some other town south of here who did go to assist in New York. It was gratifying to see the response from the FLS and Franconia Fire Department (FFD), if they were to be called upon to assist with coverage, no matter where, or for how long. Fortunately, our assistance was not required, so no one from our communities had to leave their homes or jobs. Had we been called upon, though, the call would have been answered.

The FLS, along with the FFD, were able to raise close to $3,000.00 that will be given to the NYFD Emergency I Department. This Department lost 12 members of their unit, the most lost from a single Department. This money will be hand delivered to that Department in the near future.

In closing, I ask you all to keep your heads high and the Patriotic Flag flying for no one will ever put us down. We stand as one. United.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

2001 SUMMARY OF RUNS – for all Three Towns

Emergency Description	Franconia	Sugar Hill	Easton	Total
Motor Vehicle Accidents	33	7	3	43
Medical Emergencies	18	7	2	27
Trauma Emergencies	27	5	0	32
Cardiac/Stroke Related	11	2	3	16
Respiratory Related	6	1	0	7
Alcohol/Drug Related	4	0	0	4
Wording CODE – Medical Trauma	1	0	0	1
Deaths	1	0	0	1

Mt. Rescue-Medical Trauma	7	0	0	7
Attempted Suicide	2	0	0	2
Gun Shot Wound	1	0	0	1
Vehicle Accidents vs Moose/Deer	8	1	0	9
Seizures – Pedi/Adults	6	0	0	6
Burns-Thermal/Chemical/Liquid	2	0	0	2
Skiing Accidents – Trauma	3	0	0	3
Psychiatric/Behavior/A.M.S.	4	0	0	4
Bicycle Accidents – Trauma	9	0	0	9
Recreational Vehicle Trauma	3	0	0	3
Minor Medical Emergencies	4	0	0	4
Minor Trauma Emergencies	3	0	1	4
Misc. Health Problems/Assist Runs	5	0	0	5
Life Line Activation Call	1	1	0	2
Fire Department Assists	39	2	0	41
Total Runs	198	26	9	233
Patient Statistics				
Number of Pediatric/Adolescent	35	4	1	40
Number of Adult	145	24	10	179
Total Number Of Patients	180	28	11	219
FLS-Patient Transport STAT.				
Transported to Littleton Regional Hospital by FLS	15	2	0	17 Pt's or 9% of Med. Pt's

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Thanks to the efforts of the citizens of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, 2001 was the year in which the tri-town recycling program came into its own. Overall the amount of materials recycled went from 224 tons to 331 tons, a 48% increase. Paper products led the charge, jumping 58% from 111 tons in 2000 to 176 tons in 2001. Green-bag material (trash to be landfilled) rose 5% to 494 tons, not an unusual increase for three growing towns. For the first time, the recycling rate for our three towns met the state goal of 40%.

We recycled:

- 176 tons of paper products;
- 10.4 tons of plastic;
- 2.3 tons of aluminum cans;
- 4.4 tons of steel cans;
- 36 tons of scrap metal; and
- 102 tons of glass.

Our recyclables earned us $9,158 in a year of soft recycling markets. Additionally, if you assume that our customers still would have needed to dispose of newspaper, glass, and all the other items that we recycled, the cost of the other option (dumping them in the landfill in Bethlehem with the green-bag trash) would have amounted to $23,736. This cost avoidance figure plus recycling revenue makes the total value of our recycling program $32,894.

A *thank you* to Greg Wells for establishing the collection of Box Tops for Education at the transfer station. To date we have collected 3,450 coupons for the Lafayette Regional School. We also collect empty printer, copier, and fax toner cartridges as a fundraiser for the school. A *thank you* to Jeff Phillips who has moved up to another job with the Town of Franconia. And a *welcome* to Sonny Ouellette who joined the crew in November. We miss the willing hand and frequent smile of our "go to" fill-in guy, Steve Ray.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Marshall,
Transfer Station Manager

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		**$ 45,559.00**
Income		
Town of Franconia	41,539.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	23,846.00	
Town of Easton	11,538.00	
Interest Earned	471.20	
PAYT Fees	68,405.00	
Special Handling Fees	14,188.35	
Recycled Material	9,158.03	169,145.58
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	4,454.61	
MSW Tipping	30,553.02	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	2,877.76	
Roll Off Tipping	11,900.22	
Utilities	2,056.35	
General Expenses		
Dues	50.00	
PAYT Bags	7,534.90	
Insurance	318.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	1,369.44	
Printing & Advertising	147.10	
Oil & Gas	766.63	
Training & Certification	325.40	
Uniforms	640.73	
Hazardous Waste	851.00	
Equipment Maintenance	449.47	
Building & Site Improvements	1,929.90	
New Equipment	3,450.00	
Wages	78,988.05	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	20,096.16	
Retirement	1,802.40	
Workers' Compensation	1,629.31	
Payroll Taxes	6,042.59	178,233.04
Ending Balance		**$ 36,471.54**

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Program had a busy year. The summer program was again offered for eight weeks. Our home base, the Lafayette Regional School, was a great central location for lots of fun and adventure. Speaking of adventure, did you know that our Adventure Program is in its *sixth year*? This program is geared for the older student (grades 6-8). This year they enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, swimming, tubing, and an overnight camping trip to Six Flags Theme Park in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Soccer saw another busy year. Kindergarten through 6th grade had a wonderful soccer season, thanks to our energetic volunteer parent coaches who Mike Kenney led in basic coach training. Baseball and softball also drew eager participants, and several towns commented on how well organized our teams are and how knowledgeable our players are. Many skills were learned, and all had a great time.

A new swim program was added to the menu. Jean Serino led our 4th through 6th graders in a stroke development swim program. It ran through the month of November, and the Franconia Village Resort generously donated the use of their indoor pool. Jean offers a wonderful program. The kids love her, and we are very fortunate to have her on staff.

The committee works to continue to strengthen the basketball program. This year Bob Gorgone and Tim Cowles coached our 5th and 6th grade team. The kids love the sport and learn many valuable skills. They will begin playing other teams in January. This is the least-attended program due to scheduling conflicts with other winter sports; however, the participants really enjoy it.

The rink saw another active year. Several committee members and community volunteers braved the cold to dig holes, pour concrete, and put up the posts for the basketball backboards. This is a major step toward making the rink a year-round all-season facility. The rink resurfacing work was made possible by private donations and by the efforts of those who put together the Top Notch Triathlon. Those who use the rink will remember with fondness Steve Ray, our icemaking person, who passed away this year. Our thoughts are with his family. Richard MacLachlin will be making ice this year. Thanks, Mac!

Our program is especially great because of the support and enthusiasm of our volunteers. We are very thankful for the parents and community friends who come out to help make these sports possible. Our youth appreciate all that you do.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at the Franconia Town Building. The public is invited to attend. Watch for our community survey in April. We will be looking for your input on new ideas to help our program change and grow. Please let us know what you think! We look forward to an exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Tri-Town Recreation Committee

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – DISTRICT ONE REPORT

The Governor and five member Executive Council are very much like an elected "Board of Directors", who along with 294 Commissioners and Directors, administer the laws and budget as passed by the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate).

We perform a variety of Executive Branch functions, such as, general supervision of all state departments and state expenditures, pardon matters, eminent domain, state contracts and leases, public waters, the planning of the Transportation 10-year plan, and confirmation of the Governor's nominations to the Judicial Branch of your NH State Government (for a complete explanation, please contact my office).

As we look into the immediate future, I would encourage all citizens to be in contact with all of us in your elected representative bodies, at the local, state and federal levels. We cannot truly represent you if we do not know of your ideas, concerns and aspirations.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer commission or board, please contact my office at 271-3632 or Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments and Governor Shaheen's Liaison to the Council at 271-2121. The District Health Councils are always looking for members; if interested, please call Lori Real at 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4235 and request a packet of information about what this key planning process is all about. All of the Governor and Council appointments to Boards and Commissions are listed in the Webster System at webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm.

We need to work our NH Congressional Delegation in Washington. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith and Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu all have strong and powerful committee assignments and are well connected to do more for NH. We need to let them know what is needed for our localities and regions, so ring their bell...Senator Gregg at (603) 225-7115; Senator Smith at 1-800-922-2230; Congressman Bass at (603) 226-0249; and Congressman Sununu at (603) 641-9536.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Please contact my office for a listing of toll free 800 numbers and a copy of the newly printed NH Constitution. Always know that I am ready to assist you, your town and region.

Raymond S. Burton

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NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2001

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of these projects are as follows:

Transportation:

- Reviewed, and submitted to the Department of Transportation 13 transportation enhancement projects and four Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement proposals for the North Country
- Completed Phase 1 of the US Route 2 Corridor Study with the corridor communities and various state and private agencies
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee
- Scenic Byways Committee Coordination
- Rt. 16 Citizens Advisory Committee Coordination
- Conducted 205 traffic counts in 47 communities
- Coordinated with Bureau of Rail and Transit to promote public transportation in the North Country
- Participated in the update of the Statewide Aeronautics Plan with the NH Dept. of Transportation-Division of Aeronautics

Economic Development:

- Providing grant administration for several regional projects such as the City of Berlin EDA Public Works grant, the Mountain View Hotel project, Town of Woodstock EDA project, Town of Colebrook project, to name just a few
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region
- CEDS Committee meetings are held on a quarterly basis allowing for a continuous coordinated planning process
- Published the Availability of Living Wage Jobs in NH Study for the North Country
- The second Thursday of each month nearly every business technical assistance provider in the region (representing nearly ten organizations) coordinate activities and share ideas
- NCC has been solicited by the NH Community Development Finance Authority to lead a joint North Country seed capacity application by coordinating a work program and grant application among five of the region's largest development organizations

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 34 towns throughout the region
- Updated several master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning
- Hazardous Mitigation Planning
- Assisted communities in reviewing and preparing LCHIP Applications

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 33 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management
- Served on the Governors Solid Waste Task Force

- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 22 communities
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region
- Provided technical assistance to three watershed councils as part of the REPP program
- Completed the American Heritage Adjustment Project funded by EDA

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2002. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2002 will be our five-year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the development of a Regional Plan (transportation, natural resources, economic development, community planning) and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,
Michael J. King, Executive Director

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH
and
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Director's Report

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has experienced a year of both optimism and anxiety. Optimism regarding the strides that have been made in serving people with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and anxiety regarding the fragile status of funding for mental health agencies within the state and the nation.

Highlights of this year have included the following:

- The growth of our services to children with serious emotional disturbance through our collaboration with the Division of Behavioral Health, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, local school districts, human service agencies and, most importantly, families. Twenty children, who would otherwise be in costly placements, are being maintained in our community. This represents a significant investment of resources and intensive collaboration between all parties involved, as well as the beginning of "system change" in the way we serve these children.
- The expansion of our services to school age children with developmental disabilities. Again, many of these children would otherwise have to be placed away from their families. We have worked creatively with schools to provide the best possible mix of academic and "real world" experiences to prepare these children for a full and productive life as citizens of their community.
- Adventure-based programs for middle school children have been provided through our ACUDO Program, which will celebrate its tenth year in 2002. This program was one of the first in the state to work with high-risk and adjudicated children in an outdoor/experiential setting. Throughout its existence, the program has been successful in using one of the North Country's greatest resources, our incredible environment, to develop another great resource, our children.
- Our services to persons with serious mental illness have been recognized as some of the best, and most comprehensive, in the state. These services include many components beyond "therapy," including state-of-the-art medications, housing assistance, benefits planning and the opportunity to be part of a client-directed business. We are proud of the services provided by this business, Clean and Green Enterprises, which offers high quality janitorial and grounds maintenance to several local businesses and individuals.

Challenges this year include:

- The events of September 11 have had a profound impact on all of us. The sense of uncertainty and concern regarding personal safety and security is particularly intense for people who have already experienced serious emotional upheaval in their lives. White Mountain Mental health has struggled to stretch our resources to meet the needs of people in our area who need support at this time. This is an area where town funding is particularly appreciated.
- Like any business, we have had a difficult time doing more with less. This issue has become acute during 2001, and we have made several changes in the benefits we offer our staff, our use of psychiatric time and our collection policies to try to address the widening gap between what it costs us to provide services and what we

are able to collect. We continue to provide reduced-fee services for up to 10 sessions for every person who needs them. Without the generosity of the town, this would be impossible.

We look forward to working closely with the community in 2002 to assure the continued good health of all of our citizens. In view of the fact that a recent study by the National Institute of Health found that 70% of physical illness has some emotional/mental component, it is becoming clear that mental health is a crucial component of our overall well being.

Thank you for your support of our services.

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.
Report of 2001 Services

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. It provides care for the sick, disabled, and dying in their own home where they can be provided the highest quality of life, the greatest amount of freedom possible, and the highest degree of human dignity. These people include seniors who need help to stay in their own homes, adults who are caring for aging relatives, young people with chronic illness, and people of all ages who are discharged from the hospital following stays that are still becoming shorter and shorter.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff assists people who are recuperating from surgery, individuals coping with chronic illnesses, and families and community members caring for loved ones and friends. Expensive hospital stays are reduced, moves to nursing homes are eliminated or delayed, and families are supported through the competent and comprehensive care provided by North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency relies on town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Health and Hospice continues its 30-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time-consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Health and Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

Explanation of Services:

Skilled Services – shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

Supportive Care Services – home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals, and help with their activities of daily living.

Hospice Care – a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Easton in FY2001 include:

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	22
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	17
Medical Social Service	5
Home Health Aide/Homemaker/Companion	5
Total	49

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Jurasek, Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA
2001 Annual Report

In this, our 12th year of town funding, Hospice of the Littleton Area provided services to a total of 156 patients and families in our service area, which includes the towns of Littleton, Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Woodsville/Haverhill, Woodstock and Lincoln.

Our director, volunteer coordinator and hospice volunteers provided supportive care in patient's homes, at Littleton Regional Hospital, or in nursing homes to 104 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. In addition, our bereavement care program supported a total of 52 clients through mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling sessions, and a bi-monthly grief support group.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two (2) area programs. We provide volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we offer supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital. In all our efforts this year, the Hospice of the Littleton Area volunteers gave over 4500 hours in services.

Our Volunteer Coordinator conducted an annual six-week, (18-hour) Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or increasing their knowledge about hospice care. Eleven people completed our 2001 Spring Training Program. Since 1983, we have trained 258 people and currently we have 80 active volunteers available to support area residents.

Two changes occurred within our program this year. First, the administration of the three cancer support groups (breast, prostate and cancer) was turned over to each respective group. They continue to meet monthly at the same time and place. In addition, the administration of the Ray of Hope Van service to Dartmouth was transferred to the North Country Transportation group of Tri-County CAP and that service continues Monday through Friday from Littleton Hospital.

There is *No Charge* to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, which was founded in 1983. This service is made possible through the generous support provided by the towns that we serve. Without the support of town funding we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha A. Hill
Executive Director

NOTES

FEES
(Subject to Change)
Town of Easton

Building Permit Application Fees

Up to 1300 sq. ft. - $25.00
1300 - 2000 sq. ft. - $30.00
Over 2000 sq. ft. - $35.00
Alterations to Existing Structures - $15.00

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9-1-1 Building Numbering - $20.00

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Current Use Application - $20.00

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Reappraisal Charges - $40.00

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Copies
Taxpayers - $.10 per page
Non-Taxpayers - $.25 per page

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Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances
Taxpayers – Free
Non-Taxpayers - $10.00

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Driveway Permit - $20.00

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER
9-1-1
POLICE - FIRE
MEDICAL EMERGENCY

POLICE EMERGENCY
9-1-1

POLICE OFFICER
Robert Every - 823-8090

FIRE CHIEF
Charles Casey - 823-5045

FIRE WARDENS
Arthur Rainville - 823-9558
Gail Moody - 823-7161
Jon Place - 823-8759
Bill Kenney - 823-5656

TOWN CLERK'S HOURS
Telephone until around April - 823-5293
Telephone after April - Town Hall Number - 823-8017

Tuesday Morning
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Thursday Afternoon
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dogs must be licensed by May 1, 2002
An up-to-date
DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER
is required in Easton to license a dog.

A $15.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st.

Selectmen meet the 1st and the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Planning Board meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

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